ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

Forty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Judson * Baptist * Association,

HELD WITH

Sardis Church, Henry County, Ala.,

OCTOBER 4, 5 and 6, 1894.

OFFICERS:

J. B. WARD, Moderator ..... Abbeville.
A. L. RAY, Clerk ..... Bush.
T. A. TRAWICK, Treasurer ..... Abbeville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

J. W. FOSTER ..... Abbeville.
M. V. CAPPS ..... Abbeville.
A. ARMSTRONG ..... Abbeville.
W. L. McGEE ..... Lawrenceville.
J. W. DAWSEY ..... Dothan.

The next session will be held with Shorterville Church, commencing on Thursday before the First Sunday in October, 1895. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Bro. A. Doughty; Alternate, A. L. Ray.

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MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in her forty-fourth annual session with Sardis church, Henry county, Alabama, October 4th, 1894, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. H. C. Hurley, using as a text the 1st verse of the 133d Psalm; after which the body adjourned for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Bro. J. B. Ward called the body to order. Sung "Am I a Soldier of the Cross." Prayer was offered by Bro. J. G. Bow, of Eufaula. The letters were then presented from the churches, and read by Brethren R. W. Miller, J. G. Bow and A. Daughety. The names of the messengers enrolled were as follows:

1 Abbevil e—A. L. Martin, R. W. Walker and L. S. Nichols.
2 Adoniram—W. A. Herndon and W H. Parker.
3 Bethel—J. W. Malone, A. L. Ray and S. J. Belcher.
4 Beulah—J. J. Boyett and G. H. Boyett.
5 Christian Grove—J. B. Deshazer and J. W. Hughes.
6 Center—J. M. Wells.
7 Concord—J T. Barnes and F. M. Kirkland.
8 Enon—D. E. Burdeshaw and A. H. Taylor.
9 Fellowship—M. M. Murphy and D. W. Capps.
10 Friendship—B. R. Sellers and S J. C. Gaylard.
11 Harmony—J. W. Searcy and Fletcher Owens.
12 Headland—J. A. Campbell and J. B. White.
13 Hebron—A. J. Armstrong and J. B. Hasty.
14 Judson—F. M. Thomas and J. A. Manly.
15 Lawrenceville—W. L. McGee and R. M. Espy.
16 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
17 Mt. Ariel—J. B. Jernigan and Ed. Price.
18 Oaky Grove—W. W. Kirkland.
19 Old Zion—G. W. Fleming and W. J. Doswell.
20 Pleasant Grove—M. V. Capps, B. H. Johnson and S. M. Singletary.
21 Shorterville—B. F. Harris and W. T. Fleming.
22 Smyrna—A. Daughety and J. F. Holmomon.
23 Sardis—R. G. Sowel and C. Johnson.
24 Tolbert—W. J. Barnes and John Whidden.
25 Union—E. Stokes and S. R. Brackin.

ORGANIZATION.

The Moderator announced that it was in order to elect a Moderator and Clerk for he ensuing year, tendered his resignation and called Bro. H. C. Hurley to the chair. On motion the rule was suspended, and a motion to elect by acclamation was carried. Bro. Ward was put in nomination and unanimously elected. Under the same rule Bro. A. L. Ray was re-elected Clerk. The Moderator and Clerk thanked the body for the expression of continued confidence. Brother Ward then declared the body organized and ready for business.

First. Called for petitionary letters. Letter were presented from Adoniram and Friendship churches, asking for membership in the Association; stating that the cause for which they were dropped from the body had been removed; by an unanimous vote they were received and welcomed.

Second. Called for visiting ministers. and received from the Eufaula Association Brethren J. G. Bow and C. J. Smith; from the Bethel, Ga., W. O. Crumbly and Bro. H. C. Hurley, of Louisville, Ky.

On motion the regular order of business was adopted as formerly practiced by this body.

On motion it was agreed that the hours of meeting be 8:30 a. m., and 2 p. m., and adjonrn at will.

Returned correspondeace to the Eufaula Association, W. L. McGee, F. B. Jernigan, to the Columbia Association, R. W. Miller. J. W. Herndon, J. B. Hasty, J. B. Ward, Early Hendley and F. M. Thomas: to the West Florida Association, M. V. Capps.

The Committee on preaching was appointed as follows: M. V. Capps, R. W. Miller, J. J. Boyett, with the delegates of Sardis church.

Delegate to the state covention, J. B. Ward.

On motion the same Executive Committee was re-elected.

On motion Bro. T. A. Trawick was elected Treasurer of this Association.

The report of the Executive Committee was called and on motion, action was postponed on the report until to-morrow.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Association, at the last session, voted to continue the work of Bro. A. L. Martin, as Evangelist, and under the authority of that resolution the work has been continued. We met at Abbeville, and made a contract with Bro. Martin to continue his work at rate at which he previously worked, to-wit: $50 per month. Under this contract Bro. Martin has rendered three month's of faithful and effective work and the Association owes him therefore the sum of $150. To meet this debt we have—

Church pledges to be paid at this session	$62.50
Individual pledges to be paid at this session	38.00
Total	$100.50

If this money is all paid in at this session of the Association, we will still owe a balance of $49.50 to Bro. Martin for the payment which provision will have to be made. Bro.

Martin's work has been well done and we are confident that his going has been under guidance of the Spirit. There is no outstanding debt or liability of any character against the Association except the balance due Bro. Martin as above indicated.

Fraternally,

J. W. Foster,
M. V. Capps,
A. Armstrong,
W. L. McGee
J. F. Dawsey.
} Ex. Committee.

The report on State Missions was read by Bro. R. W. Miller. Pending it's adoption interesting speeches were made by Brethren A. L. Martin, J. G. Bow and R. W Miller. On motion, action on the report was postponed until to-morrow.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Committee on State Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to report that, notwithstanding the depressed financial condition of our country generally, the cause of our State Missions has been cared for, and that the report of the Secretary of our State Mission Board, made at the last state convention, shows that the amount raised for that work this year will probably reach that of any preceding year. While this is true, we notice from the minutes of that convention that our Association is credited with paying only $36.20 of the amount raised, while others that are perhaps no stronger than we, pay a much greater amount. This is a work in which we think every Missionary Baptist should be deeply interested, and when we see the great good which is being accomplished through our State Missions, that we should be inspired to greater activity in the proper discharge of this great and important duty.

Fraternally,

A. L. Martin,
S. M. Singletary,
J. J. Boyett.
} Committee.

The Committee on Preaching made the following report: That Bro. W. O. Crumbly preach at the church to-night, and Bro. J. G. Bow to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: L. S. Nichols, J. A. Manly and D. W. Capps.

On motion adjourned.

Second Day, Friday, October 5th.

At 8:30 a. m. the Moderator called the body to order. Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. D. E. Burdeshaw.

Bro. Malone called the attention of the body to the query sent up from Bethel church, and moved that the three different mission reports be included and discussed together. A motion was offered by Bro. R. W. Miller to amend by striking out the query. The motion as amended was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following report:

On investigation we find that the efforts of the Home Mission Board to prosecute their work in a manner that would be most likely to produce the best results seem to have been well directed. Owing to the increased demand for home mission work the number of missionaries has within the last year, been increased from 368 to 381, and yet the demand is not fully met. This increase of the working force has swelled the expenses of the Board, and hence calls for more liberal contributions from those inter-

ested in this great work. This call, we are sorry to say, has not been responded to, in all sections, as liberally as it should be. Referring to the minutes of our last state convention, we find that the amount raised for Home Missions during the eight months of this year, which had expired when the convention met, was just a little more than one-third of what was raised for this work by the state during the year 1893. We find further that this Association paid only the small sum of $3.75 of the amount reported.

Our Home Missions is perhaps the greatest work in which the Baptist of our country are engaged. The statistics show that besides the Indian, the negro and our native white population, thousands of emigrants from foreign countries, settle in our states each year. By far the greater part of this foreign population have been brought up under the teachings and influence of the Roman Catholic church, and come among us freighted with erroneous doctrines and clouded with superstition.

The work of Home Missions is to dethrone these susperstitious influences and to supplant them with the religion of Jesus Christ; which must be done or our country greatly suffer by the neglect.

It is an evident fact that the thorough evangelization of America means the enthronement of Christ over all the nations of the earth, hence words too strong or devotion too absorbing can not be used in the interest of Missions at home.

To prosecute this work successfully, its importance must be brought fully before our churches. We know of no better means of doing this than through our Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Ala., and our Home Field, published at Atlanta, Ga. We therefore recommend that the brethren present make a special effort to get every member of their church to take and read these valuable papers.

Fraternally submitted.

R. W. Miller,
C. C. Murphy,
J. A. Campbell. } Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Hurley.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following report:

We are glad to know that some of the churches of this Association are contributing to the great work of Foreign Missions; but none of us are doing our duty to the fullest, on this line. It is time for us to awake as to the great command: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We cannot afford to pass unnoticed their words, for the harvest is great and the laborers are few. The Macedonian cry is coming up from every land, beginning with our own country and continuing to the end of the earth. The best information we have, is that the work which is being done by our denomination on foreign fields, is in a prosperous condition, and worthy of our support. The same Master who said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is the one who gives inspiration and success to those who do so. We need to be educated as to what the Lord is doing for us in the various nations in which we have undertaken, with Christ's help and by His authority, the work of preaching the gospel, the object of which is to develop God's people whom Christ came to save. How can men be saved without Christ? How can they hear of Him except through the gospel? How can the gospel be sent them unless men carry it, by the help of the Holy Spirit and our assistance? Who will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty influence of Satan in the world?

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. Foster,
E. D. Holly. } Committee.

On motion it was agreed that 2 o'clock be appointed as the hour to discuss the different reports on Missions.

The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Nominations—A. J. Armstrong, S. M. Singletary and J. A. Campbell.

On Deceased Ministers—S. J. Belcher, R. M. Espy and W. J. Doswell.

On Publications—J. F. Holomon, W. J. Barnes and W. T. Fleming.

Report on Temperance was read by Bro. J. H. Spivy.

On entering upon this subject, we will first give the figures showing the immense amount of revenues raised by this government and municipal corporations. The amount raised by taxation from the sale of whisky and malt liquors amount to $185,000,000. The drink bill exceeds $1,000 000 000. It cost $3,000,000 to take care of the crimes, sickness, insanity paupers and disorders caused by its sale. It calls for 2,000,000 of our boys to furnish customers for this vast traffic. Brethren, friends have you one boy to spare? Have you one daughter to see reduced to the extreme depths of poverty and misery that we witness on almost every hand that has been caused by this vast traffic in strong drink, that still holds its power unchecked in this beautiful land that God has blessed with everything necessary to promote the welfare and happiness of man? Will you stand still, with lips closed, and see this vast curse spread and set up its tempting powers to destroy our boys, husbands and friends? Fathers, mothers, could I fix the fact upon your minds, that that bright and lovely boy at your side, that is yet untainted with sin, may fall a victim to the effects of strong drink, and that you may yet live to see him fill a felon's cell or the hangman's stand? Would it be hard to enlist all the energies that God has endowed you with and all the persuasive powers you may be gifted with in checking this evil and removing the temptation as far from our boys as possible? I cannot believe, that could I make it clear to your mind, that your boy was exposed and in equally as much danger as your neighbor's boys, I cannot believe that it would take much effort to enlist all the powers you possess in aid of this glorious cause. Yet sorry am I to state the fact, yet it is true, that some Baptist sign petitions to set this traffic up right at their doors. Do pray God to give you the strength to resist the temptations in the future. If necessary, give up friends, father, mother, all, rather than ever do it again. How shall we save our boys? First, take every legal step within the bounds of the law to remove the curse from our midst, by corporate legislation and by encouraging state and national prohibition laws—at the ballot box, by example, and prayer without ceasing, to God and our precious Saviour who is the giver of all good, to aid us in removing this evil from our midst.

Young ladies, I want your careful attention a few minutes. I want to enlist you in this glorious cause. I want to tell you the power you possess for good, and how much you can do in aiding the temperance cause if you will use influence you have been endowed with by nature. Your future happiness and prosperity depends largely on the proper use of them, and I want to tell you how to use them in this cause. First: Never accept the company of a young man anywhere, nor under any circumstances, that will so far lose sight of the respect due a lady, or himself, as to appear in your presence with his breath bearing the stench of whisky, or that you know of having gone to a social gathering with a bottle of whisky on his person. I tell you, the young man that will do it, has lost all that can give us any hope in his future success in life and will make a dangerous partner to enter on life's voyage with. Turn them aside, live or die, without a partner or husband for life, rather than take the risk. I care not what his social standing may be, nor what his parent's antecedents may be, so sure as you live, you will find, too late, that he has already joined the army of "two millions," the rum shops need to sustain them, and misery and sorrow and poverty will be the end of that partnership. I tell you, when young men find that the smiles and sweet solace derived from the associations of the fair maiden of this land is to be cut off from them forever, they will stop and think. I tell you they will not come in your presence smelling like an open whisky barrel.

Young men, a word for you: The hope of the church, the hope of the country, the hope of these beautiful girls; the precious hope and prayer of a kind father, mother, sister, brother and friends, is centered in you. You are soon to take our places. Be a man; do your duty; avoid strong drink as you would an adder. While the habit is not laid hold of your vital powers; while the will power is strong, do stop and reason about it intelligently. Remember these powers are the gifts of God, take care of them; give them early to their maker and your rich reward in the evening of life will be, the pleasant memory of a well spent life. But most glorious of all, beyond Jordan's waves in that beautiful land, that pleasant greeting: "Well done good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," to meet the loved ones that have gone to join the angelic host in heaven; the knowledge of which is enough to swell the heart with eternal joys, right now, that will last forever. Young men, you that are stronger by inheritance, help your weaker young friend by example, by entreaties, by kindness, by

all means, to resist temptation and you will be prosperous in this life and reap that rich reward hereafter, that awaits the dutiful son.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. SPIVEY,
D. W. CAPPS,
R. M. ESPY. } Committee.

The report was adopted.

The circular letter was called for and Bro. R. W. Miller stated that he considered the matter of so little importance, he did not write the letter and asked to be excused. Brethren Malone and Campbell urged the importance of the letter and insisted that he should write the letter. Bro. Doswell moved to give Bro. Miller until the next session of the Association to prepare the letter. The motion prevailed.

On motion the body adjourned for preaching.

Bro. J. G. Bow preached an interesting and indeed an inspiring sermon from Ephesians, 2nd chaper, 10th verse.

EVENING SESSION.

A motion was carried entitling Bro. J. M. Wells the privileges of a delegate, he being present from Center church without a letter.

The Evangelist's report was read and adopted.

EVANGELIST REPORT.

Report of A. L. Martin, Evangelist of the Judson Baptist Association, for the year ending September 30th, 1894:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The report of your Executive Committee will show the work I have done this year and the amount due me therefor. I commenced work on the 19th of October, 1893, and have worked 75 days in different parts of the Association. I note with pleasure that nearly all of the churches have had God-given revivals and that many have been added to the church. I find also that more of the churches are keeping up Sabbath schools, but still there seems, on the part of many, to be a spirit of indifference. This is perhaps due largely to the great strife and confusion, as well as the extreme financial depression through which we have been passing. Though we should not falter—forgetting the things that are behind, let us press forward, hoping for the better, for the promise is to them that faint not. I have done much work with families, trying to develop more earnest and consecrated family worship. This, I think, is one of the greatest works of an Evangelist, and would suggest, should you keep one in the field, that more visiting be done, and in that way reach as many as possible in their own homes. When religion and religious worship in the families reach that high standard at which it ought to be, our churches will grow and prosper, and God will be glorified.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. MARTIN, Evangelist.

The hour having arrived, the different reports on Missions was taken up and discussed by Brethren Martin, Malone, Hurley, Ray and Ward.

The reports were adopted.

On motion the body adjourned. Benediction by Bro. Malone.

Third Day, October 6th, 1894.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer offered by Bro. A. Daughety.

On motion a Letter of Dismission was granted to Smyrna church.

The Committee on Nominations made their report as follows:

That Bro. A. Daughety preach the introductory sermon; Alternate, A. L. Ray. We recommend that the next session be held with Shorterville church, commencing on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1895.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. Armstrong,
S. M. Singletary, } Committee.
J. A. Campbell.

The report was adopted.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended, Bro. Boyett (the Chairman of the committee appointed to investigate the condition of Center church, in reference to the exclusion of Bro. Barnes), was called on to read their report. The report was adopted.

A motion was offered by Bro. Malone, that this body ask and recommend that Concord church rescind her action in receiving Bro. Barnes and that Bro. Barnes and the church wait and labor patiently to bring about reconciliation. The motion carried.

On motion the query sent up by Bethel church, was answered in the affirmative.

On motion the report on Indigent Ministers was read and adopted.

We, your Committee on Indigent Ministers, after special inquiry, find that there is no real pecuniary distress among them at present. The good Lord is merciful to his servants, and is blessing them in their faithfulness.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Doswell, Chairman.

On motion the report on Sabbath Schools was postponed.

On motion the following report was adopted:

We, your Committee on publication, ask to submit the following as our report: While we acknowledge the importance of the Bible above all other published matter, yet to know what work we are engaged in, as a denomination, we would recommend the Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field, be read by every member of the Baptist church in the bounds of this Association if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Holomon,
W. J. Barnes, } Committee.
W. J. Fleming.

The report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read and adopted.

We, your Committee, make the following report: After inquiry we find that the good Lord, who giveth and taketh away, has removed three of our deacons from their duties on earth, namely: Brethren W. G. Davidson, M. E. Campbell and Daniel Tunage. We find that our ministers of the gospel has been spared to continue the ministerial work their Heavenly Father has given them to do; therefore let us praise His great name.

Fraternally submitted,

S. J. Belcher, Chairman.

On motion it was agreed to take up a collection after preaching, both at the house and the arbor, and the amounts collected be applied to the indebtedness of the Association.

The Moderator was granted further time to appoint the Standing Committees.

On motion the Finance Committee's report was read and adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make the following report:

By cash received for	Home Mission	$ 8 12
" "	Foreign Mission	15 70
" "	State Mission	
" "	Ministerial purposes	
" "	Minutes	25 00
" "	Association purposes	14 00
" "	Paying Evangelist	2 00
" "	Church pledges	65 80
" "	Individual pledges	30 00
	Total	$171 22
By cash miscellaneously collected on Saturday		$7 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. Nichols,
J. A. Manly, } Committee.
D. W. Capps.

A motion was offered by Bro. Malone tendering our thanks to Sardis church and community for the kindness shown us while in session. The motion was unanimously adopted.

On motion the clerk of the Association was allowed $20 for his services.

The Treasurer's report was received and adopted as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. A. Trawick, Treasurer, in account with the Judson Association,

1893.			Dr.
October 13.	To cash received from	W. J. Martin, former Treasurer	$33 50
" 13.	" " "	Z. W. Laney, Jr., Finance Committee	44 05
" 13.	" " "	J. W. Foster	26 65
" 13.	" " "	Sardis church	13 25
	Total		$217 45

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October 13.	By amount paid for	Minutes	$21 20
" 13.	" "	Clerk A. L. Ray	20 00
" 13.	" "	A. L. Martin	129 38
Nov. 14.	" "	A. L. Martin	13 25
" 14.	" "	W. A. McClendon	11 25
January 26, 1894	" "	A. L. Ray, stamps	1 40
	Total		$196 48
Balance in hands of Treasurer, October 1, 1894			$20 97

T. A. Trawick, Treasurer.

Pledges were called for and the following churches and individuals responded:

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville	$15 00	Center	$ 2 00	Concord	$ 3 00
Fellowship	2 50	Headland	5 00	Hebron	5 00
Judson	2 00	Oaky Grove	2 00	Pleasant Grove	10 00
Sardis	2 00	Shorterville	5 00	Union	1 00
Harmony	1 00				
Total					$55 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

M. J. Capps $5 00; A. J. Armstrong, $5 00; J. B. Ward, $5 00; W. J. Barnes, $2 50; A. L. Martin, $10 00; B. H. Johnson, $2 00; J. B. Hasty, $2 00; A. L. Ray, $2 00; J. J. Boyett, $1 00; A. Armstrong, $1 00; J. B. Deshazer, $1 00; J. W. Searcy, $1 00; A. H. Taylor, $1 00; J. W. Malone, $1 00; S. M. Singletary, $1 00; F. M. Kirkland, $1 00, (paid); J. A. Campbell, $1 00; C. Johnson, $1 00, (paid); J. H. Spivey, 1 00; G. H. Boyett, 50c; J. W. Burket, 50c, (paid); A. L. J. Lisenby, 25c, (paid); W. A. Jernigan, 50c, (paid); W. W. Kirkland, $1 00, (paid).

Bro. A. Daughety preached at the arbor at 11 o'clock, a. m., and Bro. J. W. Malone preached in the house at the same hour. After preaching a collection was taken up at both places, amounting to $5.20.

J. B. Ward, Moderator.
A. L. Ray, Clerk.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—A. J. Teague S. M. Singletary and J. J. Boyett.
Home Missions—P. A. Travick, W. A. Herndon and R. B. Lee.
Foreign Missions—J. A. Campbell, S. J. Belcher and A. Armstrong.
On Education—J. B. Espy, J. E. Holmes and M. V. Capps.
On Temperance—J. W. Malone, W. J. Doswell and D. E. Burdeshaw.
Aged and Indigent Ministers—A. J. Armstrong, W. W. Kirkland and W. W. Murphy.
Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Same as above committee.
On Sabbath Schools—J. W. Herndon, J. W. Foster and D. W. Capps.

ORDAINED MINISTERS WITH THEIR POSTOFFICES.

A. L. Martin	Abbeville.
J. W. Malone	Wesley.
J. W. Herndon	Shorterville.
H. C. Hurley	Abbeville.
D. E. Burdeshaw	Kinsey.
J. W. Knowles	Bracken.
R. B. Lee	Eufaula.
A. L. Ray	Bush.
M. Bracken	Bracken.
A. Daughety	Cowarts.
S. J. Knowles	Headland.

LICENTIATES; WITH POSTOFFICES.

J. A. Campbell	Headland.
W. H. F. Smith	Headland.
A. H. Taylor	Kinsey.
F. B. Jernigan	Belcher.
J. T. Barnes	Kinsey.
Robert Paramore	Headland.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the Judson Baptist Association.

ART. 2. This association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and 50 and not 200 members, 4 messengers; and so on in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members, who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches before they take their seats.

ART. 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a moderator and clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4. The association shall not interfere with the rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches or, evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming unorthodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principle business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending His kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this association.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this Union by their sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this Union shall transmit to every annual session of this association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches, and paid over, through the committee on finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the orders of the association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew and have not been able to settle them, then the association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This association when convened, shall be governed by proper rules of decorum which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essense and equal in divine perfection.

ART 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of the original sin.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incompetency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own will and ability.

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is Baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting and the joys of the righteous to be eternal.

ART 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the moderator whether it shall be debated or not, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated, but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always that those be first considered which affect the Union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4 No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided

8 It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9 The minutes of the association shall be read and signed by the moderator and clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members fn session.

Financial Exhibit of the Judson Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	For Evangelist.	Pledges Undirected.	Vouchers, Miscellaneous Purposes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Minutes.	Association Purposes.	Total.
Abbeville	$	$	$53 27	$	$	$	$2 50	$25 00	$80 77
Adoniram							1 00		1 00
Bethel		5 00					1 75		6 75
Beulah				2 00	40		1 50	1 00	4 95
Christian Grove		2 00					1 00		3 00
Center							1 00		1 00
Concord		2 00					1 00	1 00	4 00
Enon							1 00	2 35	3 35
Fellowship		2 00			3 00		75		5 75
Friendship							50		50
Harmony							50		50
Headland							1 50	5 00	6 50
Hebron		5 00					1 50		6 50
Judson		2 50					50	1 00	4 00
Lawrenceville		2 50					1 00		3 50
Mt. Ariel							50		50
Oaky Grove		1 50					50		2 00
Old Zion	2 00						75	25	3 00
Pleasant Grove		10 00			3 00		1 50		14 50
Sardis							1 00		1 00
Shorterville		3 30		12 30	12 30		2 50	1 00	31 40
Smyrna					75		75	2 00	3 50
Tolbert		5 00					1 00		6 00
Union							50		50
Total	$2 00	$40 30	$53 27	$14 30	$19 45		$26 00	$38 65	$194 47

STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by Baptism.	Increase by Letter	Increase by Restoration	Decrease by Letter.	Decrease by Exclusion.	Decrease by Death.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils.	Preaching Sabbath.
Abbeville	Henry	L. M. Bradley	R. W. Miller	Abbeville	129	..	5	1	1	..	2	132	1	..	2-4
‡Adoniram	Henry	J. W. Malone	W. H. Parker	Haleburgh	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	....
Bethel	Barbour	J. W. Malone	G. W Walker	Baker Hill	110	5	2	2	4	1	..	118	..	..	1
Beulah	Henry	W. A. Crumbly	J. W. Pittman	– – –	77	7	4	4	17	1	..	73	8	8	....
Christian Grove	Barbour	R. B. Lee	W. A. James	Eufaula	63	4	..	2	12	2	3	61	8	8	1
Center	Henry	– – –	– – –	– – –	88	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....
Concord	Henry	R. C Deal	G. W. Ward.	Blackwood	85	12	11	1	3	3	..	99	7	40	3
Enon	Henry	A. Daughety	J. E. McGriffe	Kincey	45	9	3	..	7	5	2	44	6	108	....
Fellowship	Henry	A. Armstrong	D. W. Capps	Abbeville	78	8	2	3	5	1	..	85	8	8	....
‡Friendship	–	W. O. Crumbley	W. M. Phillips	Shorterville	....	3	2	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	1
Harmony	Henry	A. L. Ray	J. W. Searcy	White Pond	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	3
Hebron	Henry	A. Armstrong	J. M. Armstrong	– – –	34	18	2	2	..	1	..	58	..	..	....
Headland	Henry	R. C. Deal	J. T. Knowles	– – –	156	9	9	..	3	5	1	162	..	..	....
Judson	Henry	J. W. Malone	J. E. Holmes	Wesley	55	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	..	..	....
Lawrenceville	Henry	A. L. Martin	N. L. Hawley	Lawrenceville	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	....
Mt. Aeriel	Barbour	R. B Lee	W. C. Jernigan	Belcher	44	..	..	..	7	..	..	36	..	..	2
Mt. Pleasant	Barbour	Not Represented	Not Represented	– – –	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	..	....
Oaky Grove	Henry	J. T. Barnes	W. J. G. Mouning	Abbeville	33	..	..	..	1	2	..	30	..	..	....
Old Zion	Henry	J. W. Malone	A. Starling	Shorterville	26	..	4	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	....
Pleasant Grove	Henry	J J. White	F. M. Hasty	Abbeville	145	..	..	...	8	...	1	117	..	..	4
Sardis	Henry	A. L Ray	J. Ward	Lawrenceville	27	5	..	...	...	...	1	34	..	..	2
Shorterville	Henry	H. L. Crumbley	W. F. Mills	Shorterville	89	9	4	5	2	1	...	141	8	8	2
*Smyrna	Henry	J. F. Watson	J. D. Daughety	– – –	110	5	2	...	3	...	...	....	...	....	4
Tolbert	Henry	A. Armstrong	M. P. Shelley	Balkum	..	3	7	2	6	2	..	116	..	....	....
Union	Henry	M Bracken	W. L. Bracken	Bracken	46	...	2	...	2	...	...	39	..	..	....
Total					1285	101	51	22	60	24	12	1562	13	148	....

‡Restored at this Session.

*Dismissed at this Session.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for Delegates' Letters.
2. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
3. Call for Correspondents.
4. Appoint Committee on Memorials.
5. Appoint Committee on Nominations.
6. Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
7. Appoint Committee on Publications.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Appoint Committee on Finance.
10. Arrange for Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.
11. Appoint Correspondents.
12. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
13. Appoint Recording Committee and Treasurer.
14. Appoint Members of Executive Committee.
15. Hear Report on Missions (A) State (B) Home (C) Foreign.
16. Appoint Committee on Temperance.
17. Appoint Committee on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
18. Prepare the Circular Letter.
19. Report on Sabbath Schools.
20. Treasurer's Report.
21. Secretary's Report.
22. Report on Education.
23. Report on Publications.
24. Report on Aged Ministers and Deceased Ministers.